Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Master Sergeant Paul M. Chekola's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Paul M. Chekola devoted more than 36 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a field artillery NCO and a leader in the 196th Regiment in times of peace and war; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Chekola continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Master Sergeant Paul M. Chekola for more than 36 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 8, 2007, as

MASTER SERGEANT PAUL M. CHEKOLA DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State